



Garden Grove Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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Wishful Recycling Can Do More Harm Than Good

Sometimes recyclers get a little too enthusiastic and put the wrong things into recycling containers. For some, these are careless mistakes. But for others, this is “wishful recycling” — filling your container with items you believe should be recycled or hope will be. Unfortunately, wishful recycling can do more harm than good.

Recycling is a group project that depends on all of us making good decisions and following a common set of instructions. We understand that this can be challenging. Here are some common do’s and don’ts that apply almost everywhere.

DO

- Stick to the basics: plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, metal food and drink cans, and clean paper and boxes.
- **Empty. Clean. Dry.**® Empty all food and beverage containers completely. If needed, wipe or rinse them out. Allow them to dry before you toss them into your container.
- Put caps and lids back on plastic bottles and jugs after they dry.
- Break down and flatten boxes.



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**“When in doubt,
go find out.”**

**Beth Porter,
Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine**

- Place flattened boxes inside your recycling container.
- Keep recycling loose.

DON'T

- Don't put items smaller than a credit card (coffee pods, loose bottle caps, shredded paper) into the recycling container.
- Don't bag your recycling (except plastic bags, which should be bundled together).
- Don't put smelly items, like dirty diapers, into recycling bins. (Dirty diapers aren't recyclable! Please put them in the waste container.)
- Don't put “tangles,” such as garden hoses, loose plastic bags, mini-blinds, power cords or Christmas lights, into recycling containers.

“We know consumers want to do their part to help the environment and to be better recyclers,” said Pete Keller, vice president of recycling and sustainability at Republic Services. “We all need to do our part to ensure only clean recyclables are in the recycling container.”

Don't be a wishful recycler. Combine your good intentions with good information. Learn what is accepted and how to prepare it properly. Remember, when in doubt, go find out! Visit **RecyclingSimplified.com** or give us a call at **714.238.2444**.



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Holiday Schedule

There will be no recycling and waste collection services on these holidays:

- Christmas – Wednesday, December 25, 2019
- New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2020
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 2020
- Independence Day – Saturday, July 4, 2020 (regular service)
- Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2020
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26, 2020
- Christmas – Friday, December 25, 2020

If your weekly pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup that week will be delayed by one day. For instance, when the holiday is on a Wednesday, Wednesday's collection will take place on Thursday, Thursday's on Friday, and Friday's on Saturday.



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Mark Your Calendar for the Compost Giveaway

The City of Garden Grove and Republic Services will be giving away compost for free on **Saturday, March 21**, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. (while supplies last), at Public Works, 13802 Newhope St. Please bring your own containers to fill (no bags). There is a limit of 60-gallons per household.

Compost creates healthier soil by adding organic matter and improving

soil structure. Healthy soil uses water more efficiently, allowing available water to flow toward your plants' roots, storing water in the soil longer and reducing runoff and erosion.

To receive free compost, residents must provide proof of residency (California driver's license or utility bill).

For more information, contact Republic Services at **714.238.2444**.

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